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General Aviation Pilots Invited to Fly-in for NASA Wallops Flight Facility's 60th Anniversary Open House

NASA Wallops Flight Facility, home to Federal, state and commercial organizations, will hold a 60th Anniversary Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, October 1.

The first rocket launch from Wallops Island on Virginia's Eastern occurred on June 26, 1945. The launch marked the beginning of 60 years of aerospace research at Wallops. The Open House will include activities for people of all ages with an interest in research and operations on the sea and in space.

General aviation pilots are invited to fly their aircraft in to participate in the Open House. The aircraft will be on display along with other military and NASA aircraft.

Pilots wishing to participate must provide complete insurance documentation and a "Hold Harmless" agreement. All paperwork must be submitted by September 16. For further information and to obtain the Hold Harmless agreement contact Sherry Kleckner at Wallops by telephone (757) 824-1204 or by email: Sherry.W.Kleckner@nasa.gov

The Facility was last opened to the public in 2000. Approximately 8,000 people attended the 2000 event and planning officials think the 60th Anniversary Open House is bigger and better.

Exhibits will highlight the research conducted by NASA in aeronautics, Earth Science and space research; the operations of the U.S. Coast, U.S. Navy, NOAA, and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport; information on the area's environment and wildlife; and efforts of commercial organizations in naval and aerospace technology.

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The NASA Sounding Rocket Payload Facility and the Range Control Center will be open. In addition, more than 30 exhibits and displays will be in the Building N-159 Hangar which also will feature a children's activity center.

There is no admission fee. Pets are not allowed. Vehicle parking will be just inside the Main Base gate. Bus transportation will be provided to locations on the Main Base. For further information on the Open House, contact Betty Flowers, Wallops Public Affairs Office, at (757) 824-1584 or by email: Elizabeth.B.Flowers@nasa.gov

For information on NASA Wallops Flight Facility visit the Internet website:
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